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# **Research Announcement**

# Origins of Solar Systems Program

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NASA Research Announcement (NRA) Soliciting Proposals for Basic Research for the period ending July 5, 1996

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### Origins of Solar Systems Program (OSSP)

This NASA Research Announcement (NRA) solicits basic research proposals to conduct scientific investigations related to understanding the formation and early evolution of planetary systems and to provide the fundamental research and analysis necessary to detect and characterize other planetary systems. These investigations may involve analytical and numerical modeling, laboratory research, and observational studies in the following areas: star formation and the relationship to planetary system formation, solar nebula processes, accumulation and dynamical evolution, analysis of primitive materials, and the detection of other planetary systems. The investigations should directly support the goals related to understanding planetary system formation.

The Origins program realizes the existing potential for complementary interdisciplinary efforts to solve key scientific questions. To achieve this goal, proposals are encouraged which involve joint research efforts by investigators from different scientific communities. Interdisciplinary investigations may include, for example, studies of nebular chemistry and dynamics to understand the composition of primitive volatile-rich solar system bodies, or collaborations between observational astronomers and modelers to study the initial collapse of a protostellar cloud to form a nebula. Proposals for topical conferences, workshops, or other new initiatives related to the Origins program are also solicited through this NRA.

It is estimated that the funding level for this program for fiscal year (FY) 1997 will be approximately \$ 5 million and that this level of funding will support approximately 95 research investigations, including both full proposals and progress reports. Awards under this NRA are subject to the availability of program funds.

Participation in this program is open to all categories of organizations, both domestic and foreign: industry, educational institutions, other nonprofit organizations, NASA Centers, and other Government agencies. Proposals may be submitted at any time during the period ending July 5, 1996. These proposals will be evaluated by scientific peer review prior to the start of fiscal year 1997. Announcements regarding selection for funding are expected to be made during October 1996. A listing of currently funded investigations is available through the program office.

Further details relevant to this program are included in the appendices to this Announcement. Appendix A provides technical and programmatic information in the general area in which proposals are sought, describes changes since last year, and provides amendatory guidance to Appendix B, applicable only to this NRA. Appendix B contains the general "Guidelines for Responding to NASA Research Announcements (NRA) for Solicited Basic Research Proposals." Appendix C contains model formats for use in preparation of proposals submitted to the Origins of Solar Systems Program.

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Origins of Solar Systems Review Panel The Lunar and Planetary Institute (LPI)

3600 Bay Area Boulevard Houston, TX 77058 (713) 486,2149

(Proposals submitted directly to NASA Headquarters

will be treated as correspondence)

Proposais Due:

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Your interest and cooperation in participating in this effort are appreciated.

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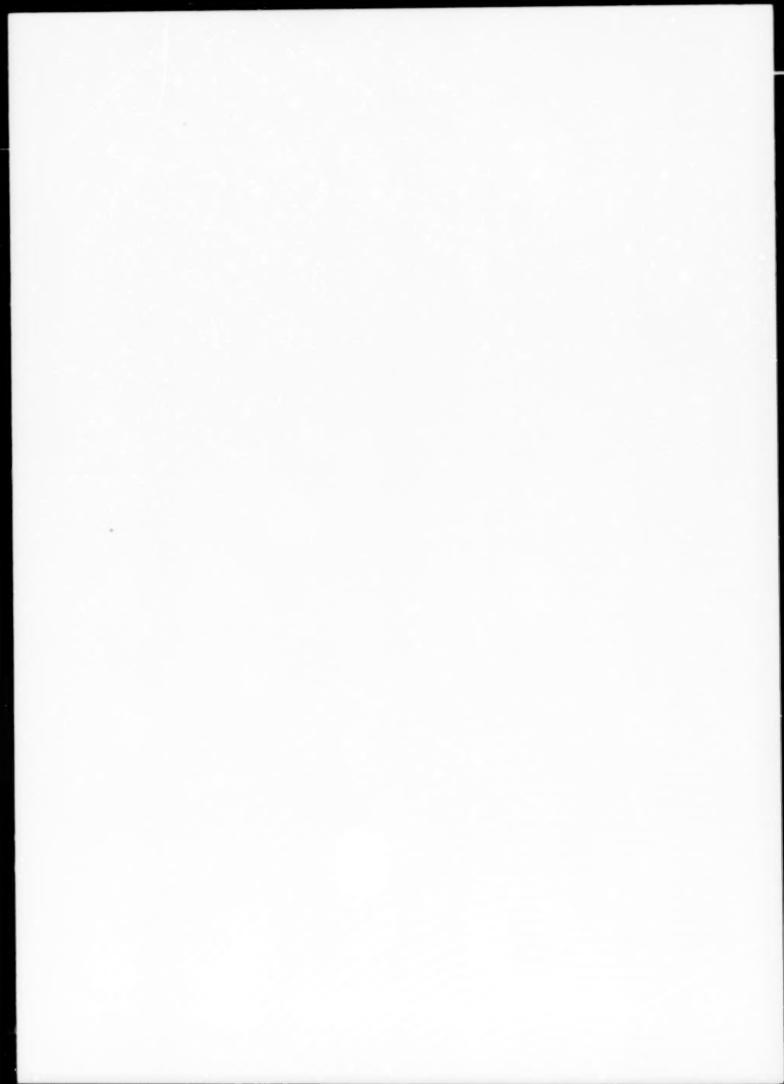
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